



Isaiah

Course Syllabus

Georgia School of Preaching and Biblical Studies
Buford, GA Campus - Fall 2019

Isaiah

Credit: 3 Semester Hours

Dates: September 16, 2019-December 9, 2019

Instructor: Jody Apple

Course Description • Rationale • Objective:

- **Description**

- Introduction to the biblical text and to the prophets.
- An examination of how Isaiah, and the prophets in general, cover the historical period from the fall of Israel to the fall of Judah, Jerusalem, and the temple. Prophetically, from the impending invasion of the nation of Assyria to the Messiah will be emphasized with the often “layered” or typical nature of biblical prophecy considered.
- Textual survey, chapter-by-chapter of Isaiah, with an emphasis on Israel’s spiritual condition, the nature of the Suffering Servant, the providence of God, and the coming of the Messianic kingdom
- Requirements (Credit): **To be determined.**

- **Rationale**

- A study of the First Testament prophets, God’s covenant enforcers, will always be central to understanding God’s redemptive plan from at least the following perspectives: First, they, as the expression “covenant enforcers” entails, were tasked with speaking against any/all violations of the Mosaic law. Those violations included sins of all kinds, civic, domestic, religious, familial, business, et. al. God’s theocratic kingdom/law touched every aspect of First Testament life and the prophets addressed every inch of that life. Second, the prophets wove contemporary historical events into a finished garment of divine providence and redemption that seamlessly connected every event, person, principle and command in First Testament revelation with what it all anticipated in Second Covenant fulfillment. The righteous prophets served as part of the inspired checks and balances system that God implemented to keep Israel right in God’s sight, to warn them of what would happen if they failed to follow/love the Lord, to prompt them to faithfulness regardless of consequences, and to instill within Israel a devotion to God that was unshakeable regardless of what they saw going on around them. Too, the prophets showed God’s sovereign rule over the nations, not just Israel. This, and so much more, makes a study of First Testament prophets critical to understanding God’s will, word and work.

- **Course Objectives**

- During this course it is hoped that you will develop:

- An appreciation for the role of First Testament prophets.
- An understanding of the prophetic genre in its many forms.
- Resource awareness: biblios, commentaries (exegetical/expositional), background studies, etc.
- A firm grasp of the interconnectedness that exists among: biblical seed lines (Eve, Abraham, Israel, David), the Abrahamic covenant, the Mosaic law, God's providence, the land/seed/blessing promises, the righteousness commitment, how First Testament promises/prophets/covenants/laws relate to the divine redemptive plan, the significance of remnant theology, Messianic prophecies, divine inclusion of all humanity, and much more.

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Texts:

- There are no **required** texts for this class.
- **Recommended text:** A Commentary on Isaiah: With Emphasis on the Messianic Hope by Homer Hailey

Class Sessions / Dates

Class 1	September 16, 2019	Introduction, Isaiah 1-6
Class 2	September 23, 2019	Isaiah 11-12
Class 3	September 30, 2019	Isaiah 13-18
Class 4	October 7, 2019	Isaiah 19-24
Class 5	October 14, 2019	Isaiah 25-30

NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CLASS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Class 6	October 28, 2019	Isaiah 31-36
Class 7	November 4, 2019	Isaiah 37-42
Class 8	November 11, 2018	Isaiah 43-48
Class 9	November 18, 2018	Isaiah 49-54

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Class 10	December 2, 2019	Isaiah 55-60
Class 11	December 9, 2019	Isaiah 61-66
Class 12	December 16, 2019	Catchup Class (if needed)

Credit Requirements

1. Complete four quizzes covering selected sessions of Isaiah.
2. Write two short papers on selected topics as provided by the instructor.